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## What is TAS-BETC?

- **Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) - Component Format —** TAS components are eight meaningful pieces of business data, which combine to identify a U.S. Treasury account. These components are joined with a Business Event Type Code (BETC) to report Federal government financial transactions. See Attachment A for a detailed description of the business data required. For more information, please refer to: [http://fms.treas.gov/cars/factsheet\\_tas.html](http://fms.treas.gov/cars/factsheet_tas.html).
  - **Business Event Type Code (BETC) —** The BETC is a code consisting of up to eight characters used in Central Account Reporting System (CARS) to indicate the type of activity being reported, such as payments, collections, borrowings, etc. This code must accompany the Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) in order to classify the transaction against the fund balance with Treasury. For more information please refer to: [http://fms.treas.gov/cars/factsheet\\_betc.html](http://fms.treas.gov/cars/factsheet_betc.html).
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## What does each part of the Component TAS represent?

Follow this [link](#) for a breakdown of the TAS components.

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## Why am I required to provide a TAS-BETC

As of January 2014 all Central Accounting Reporting System (CARS) reporting agencies are required to provide a TAS-BETC, assigned by Treasury, for each order submitted to GPO. As of October 2014 all Government agencies will be required to be registered as a CARS reporter and provide TAS-BETC information.

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## What is a CARS reporter?

Government agencies that register with the Department of Treasury, Bureau of Public Debt Central Accounting Reporting System used to streamline accounting and reporting process, are identified as CARS reporters. These agencies are assigned TAS-BETC(s) upon completing registration to be provided in order to properly process their billings through the US Department of Treasury IPAC system.

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## How do I know if I am currently required to provide a TAS-BETC

To find out if you are required to provide a TAS-BETC, contact your Financial Department to find out if your agency is registered as a CARS reporter.

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## Where do I find my agency's TAS-BETC?

If you are a registered CARS reporter your TAS-BETC information was provided to your financial department during registration. Your finance department should be prepared to provide the required TAS-BETC information for your agency.

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## Where do I include this information on my ordering document?

GPO's ordering documents have been updated to include fields for the TAS-BETC in the billing information section. An updated version of these documents can be found on the GPO website. <http://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/customers/sfas1.htm>

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## What happens if I fail to furnish a TAS-BETC number with my order?

Failure to furnish a correct or complete TAS-BETC with your order will delay the processing of your order.

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## Is it mandatory that I use the updated SF1, 2511 and 4044 forms to place my orders?

GPO is encouraging all agencies to switch to the new forms. New required fields have been added to the SF-1. If an old form is received and the required information is not included on the request, GPO will have to contact the agency to acquire the appropriate information. This could slow down the processing of your job.

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## Who can I contact at GPO for additional information?

If further clarification is needed please contact GPO's Customer Account Division at 202.512.0626 or email us at [CAD@GPO.GOV](mailto:CAD@GPO.GOV).

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The Circular Letters issued by GPO as well as the Treasury links identified above are also good sources of information.

<http://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/customers/cir882.pdf>

<http://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/customers/cir893.pdf>

<http://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/customers/cir903.pdf>